

At page 14, line 24, delete "(see, e.g.,
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Structure/RESEARCH/threading.html>)".

At page 22, line 7, replace ")" with "--), SEQ ID NO:1"--.

At page 37, line 7, replace "(mcrc@oligos.com)" with --(3112-A West Cuthbert

Avenue, Midland, TX 79701)--.

At page 37, line 8, replace "(<http://www.genco.com>)" with --(1130 D Street, Suite

#8, Ramona, CA 92065)--.

At page 37, line 8, replace "(www.expressgen.com)" with --(CTP Research Center,

2201 West Campbell Park Drive, Chicago IL 60612-3501), --.

At page 37, line 9, replace "(alameda, CA)" with --(1000 Atlantic Ave., Alameda,
Ca)--.

At page 37, line 10, replace "(pkim@ccnet.com)" with --Research and Development
Company--.

At page 37, line 10, replace "pro=ducts, Inc. (<http://www.htibio.com>)" with --
products, Inc.--.

At page 37, line 12, delete "Inc.," and insert --Inc.),--

After the Abstract, please add the accompanying sequence listing (1 page).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims by substituting the following claims for the corresponding
previously pending claims of the same number(s):

1. A method of populating a data structure with a plurality of character strings, said
method comprising:
- encoding two or more biological molecules into character strings to provide
a collection of two or more different initial character strings wherein each of said biological
molecules comprises at least about 10 subunits;
 - selecting at least two substrings from said character strings;
 - concatenating said substrings to form one or more product strings about
the same length as one or more of the initial character strings;
 - adding the product strings to a collection of strings; and